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SIXTY-EIGHTH YEAR

DIXON, ILLINOIS, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1918

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1918--IN THIS VICINITY AND ABROAD--1918

COMPLETE DEFEAT OF
WAR-MAD CENTRAL
POWERS MARKS EPOCH

Twelve Months Ends With Leaders of Victorious Nations Gathering in France Preparatory to Meeting at Peace Table to Settle Terms—Other Foreign and Domestic Occurrences Are Told Chronologically for Our Readers

EVENTS OF THE YEAR ARE TOLD IN BRIEF FORM

COMPILED BY E. W. PICKARD.

THE WORLD WAR

men called to begin movement to canons March 29.
British aviators dropped ton of explosives on Berlin.
March 13—Germans seized Odessa.
March 14—American Rainbow division occupied trenches in Luneville sector from which they drove the enemy first.

March 15—British aviators made heavy losses in Flanders by British.

All-Russian congress of Soviets at Moscow ratified German peace terms.

March 16—British supreme war council condemned German treatment of Russians and Roumanians and refused to acknowledge the peace treaties.

March 17—American destroyer Manley sank British war vessel 26 killed.

March 18—U. S. government began mobilization of 3,000,000 workers.

U. S. Supreme court upheld draft law.

Submarine crews mutinied at Kiel, killing 38 officers.

Jan. 18—President Wilson stated America's war aims and peace demands.

Jan. 19—Russia and Bulgaria signed separate peace.

Jan. 20—Central powers withdrew offer of general peace and offered Russia separate peace.

Jan. 21—Russia and Germany renewed armistice for month.

Jan. 22—British airmen made big successful daylight raid on Karlsruhe.

Germans bombarded Yarmouth from sea.

Jan. 23—Daniel Willard resigned as head of U. S. war industrial board.

Jan. 24—In naval action at entrance to Dardanelles the British sank Turkish cruiser Breslau and forced the Goeben aboards.

Jan. 25—British boarding ship Louvain sunk; 224 lost.

Jan. 26—Germany and Austria replied to peace proposals of Wilson and Lloyd George, rejecting the concrete suggestions.

Jan. 27—Twelve killed by explosion in Newpoort naval torpedo station.

Odessa captured by the bolsheviks.

Jan. 28—Central government broke relations with Roumania.

Italians began offensive between Asiago and the Brenta.

Romanians took Kishinev.

Jan. 29—German air raiders killed 47 in London.

Ukrainians defeated Bolshevik troops in three day battle and took Lutsk.

Italians broke through Austrian line, taking 1,500 prisoners.

Jan. 30—German air raid on Paris; 49 killed.

Jan. 31—Bolsheviks took Orenburg.

Feb. 1—Alfred supreme war council declared war must be carried on to victory.

Feb. 4—U. S. government took over control of oil.

Feb. 5—Franz von Rintelen and six others convicted of conspiracy in New York.

Feb. 6—United States transport Tuscany sunk by torpedo off Irish coast; 24 Americans lost.

Feb. 7—Peace treaty between Ukraine and the central powers signed.

Feb. 10—Russia declared the war at an end so far as she was concerned and accepted partial demobilization; but refused to sign peace treaty.

Feb. 14—Holo Pasha convicted of treason in France and sentenced to death.

Feb. 15—President Wilson put all foreign trade under U. S. under license.

Eight British transports were sunk by German destroyers in Dover straits.

Feb. 16—German aviators attacked London, killing 21.

Feb. 18—Germans resumed war on Russia, crossing the Dvina.

Feb. 19—Germans took Dvinsk and Lutsk; Bolsheviks offered to sign peace treaty.

Bolshevik Don Cossack republic organized at Tcherkask, Gen. Kaledines having committed suicide.

Feb. 20—Germans invested Reval and landed troops in Finland.

Feb. 21—Germans took Minsk and Rovno.

Jericho captured by the British.

Feb. 22—Senate passed Wilson bill to regulate railroads.

Feb. 23—President issued proclamation stipulating government guaranteed price for wheat at principal primary markets, prices varying from \$2 at Spokane to \$2.28 at New York.

Feb. 25—Germans captured Reval.

Feb. 28—Americans repulsed strong attack in Chemin des Dames sector with heavy losses to attackers.

March 1—McAadoo announced third Liberty loan to amount of \$6.

U. S. troops repulsed raid in Toul sector, suffering many casualties; German losses very heavy.

British cruiser Calgarian torpedoed; 48 men lost.

March 3—Germans halted invasion of Russia; Slavs signed peace treaty giving Turkey big slice of territory.

March 4—French delivered surprise blow near Verdun, penetrating German lines.

British, French and Italian ambassadors asked Japan to take necessary steps to forward allied interests in Siberia.

British advanced on 12-mile front in Palestine.

March 5—Americans in Lorraine repulsed German attack and took possession. President Wilson released assent to Japanese intervention in Russia.

Bernard M. Baruch named chairman of the war industries board.

March 6—Russia signed preliminary peace treaty giving up Dobruja and control of the Danube.

March 7—Germany and Finland signed peace treaty.

March 8—Protzky resigned as foreign minister of Russia.

British advanced three miles on 18-mile front in Palestine.

British repulsed attack on Ypres-Dixmude line, losing 44 persons to enemy.

May 24—Killed, 46 injured in air raid on London.

March 9—Ninety persons killed in air raid on Paris.

March 10—Sixty airplanes bombed Paris; 24 killed.

Enemy aviators attacked Naples. Seven killed in hospital.

President in message to Soviets, pledged United States to free Russia from German control.

March 12—Ninety-five thousand drafted



Hello People!

MY NAME is Nineteen Nineteen—
You see I'm just brand-new;
With a big joyous shout, Daddy Time let me out
To bring new hope to you.

NOW that you've got my number,
Perhaps you rather doubt
That I have come here to scatter good cheer,
And all the glooms to flout.

DAD says the world's gone crazy
And things are all dead wrong;
But a new little boy brings a promise of joy;
So greet me with a song!

Proceedings of Board
of Supervisors

Monday, Dec. 2nd, 1918.

State of Illinois

ss.

Lee County

On Monday, the second day of December, A. D. 1918, at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County, Illinois, met at the Court House in the City of Dixon, pursuant to adjournment.

Present: The Honorable James Buckley, chairman, and the following members to-wit: Andrew Richolson, W. J. Edwards, Chas Heibenthal, Andrew Aschenbrenner, Ira J. Trostle, John M. Sterling, J. M. McCleary, David H. Spencer, Joseph Bauer, E. J. Mannion, Kyle C. Miller, A. J. O'Malley, E. S. Dysart, C. C.

Buckalo, John P. Drew, Chas. Ewald, J. W. Cortright, William Brucker, John Montavon, J. A. Miller and G. W. Thompson.

The report of the Grand Jury for the September term, A. D. 1918, of the Circuit court being read to the Board of Supervisors by the clerk, and upon motion of Supervisor Manning, duly seconded by Supervisor Kyle C. Miller, said report is approved and ordered placed on file, which said report is as follows:

State of Illinois

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Lee County

In the Circuit Court.

September Term, A. D. 1918.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY. TO

THE HONORABLE JAMES S.

BAUME, JUDGE OF SAID TERM
OF SAID COURT:

The undersigned, the Grand Jurors of said term of said court re-

spectfully report that as required by

law they have visited the county

jail or said county and appurtenant

property and investigated the condi-

tion of same.

They would respectfully report

that they find the condition of said

property good; that the sheriff is

taking proper care of the prisoners

confined in the jail and that none of

the provisions of the statute are be-

ing violated so far as the undersign-

ed were able to learn.

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ACTIVITIES IN LEE
COUNTY DEVOTED
LARGELY TO THE WAR

No Serious Disasters, Accidents Or Fires Occurred In This Vicinity During 1918; But Two Epidemics of Spanish Influenza Made Death Rate Large in Some Months—Liberty Loan and War Relief Drives Were Big Successes

SEVERE BLIZZARDS IN JANUARY ONLY STORMS

JANUARY.

4—Fire destroyed Susman Cloak Co. stock. Death of Samuel B. Miller.

MARCH.

3—Oscar Olsen, of Steward, national army man, suicided by hanging.

6—Barber's body reported to have

been seen floating down river under the bridge.

7—Death of Mrs. Minnie Miller and Miss Effie Ivins.

9—Co. M soldiers from Camp Grant given welcome by Dixon people. Death of Mrs. C. Shetter.

10—Death of Dr. William Henry, of Harmon.

11—Death of Miss C. Frances Decker. Food Administration announced first fair prices for Lee county.

12—Business and traffic completely paralyzed by second blizzard. William U. Baker dropped dead at his home.

15—Nelson Hobson, aged 16, found in open car at Nelson with both feet frozen. Council met to discuss methods of saving coal. Death of Frank Morgan.

16—Deaths of Mrs. Mary E. Smith, Mrs. Harry Spellman, Mrs. Ann M. Worthington.

17—Coal conservation order was issued.

18—Death of John L. Fine.

19—Judge Farrand excused the petit jury for the January term of court before its members had reported.

20—Death of Mrs. C. S. Reynolds.

21—Dixon experienced its first fuel-less Monday.

25—Death of Mrs. Susan Beightol.

26—Death of Charles H. March.

27—John Connors died at Racine, Wis. Death of Roy Frantz and baby Emma E. Killian.

30—Red Cross honor flag presented to Palmyra township. Death of Harry Hartzell.

31—“Wets” filed petition for vote at township election. Joe Hogan, aged 12, and Albert Maden, aged 11, committed to St. Charles School for Boys. Death of baby McMullen. Sec. J. Der Kinderen given leave of absence for work in France.

APRIL.

1—Death of Henry Smith.

2—City council cut Dixon Water Company's bill in two for poor service. Dixon voters decided township should remain dry at annual election. Majority was 1606.

5—Death of Mrs. Sarah Jones.

6—Death of Joseph Thompson and W. V. E. Steel.

7—Death of Mrs. Michael Maloney and Walter Johnson.

8—Death of Frank Vaile.

9—Big Liberty Day Parade held here. Death of Charles B. Sells.

10—Death of Mrs. George S. Coakley and Mrs. Bridget McDonald.

11—Death of C. O. Fosgate.

12—Hazel Witzel's eye shot out by boy with sling shot. Death of John Coffey.

13—Forest fire at Lowell park gave Dixonites great battle. Death of Mrs. Thomas Caulfield.</p

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(Continued from page 9.)

We do further find the condition of the court house good and we do recommend the efforts of George Eichenberg, janitor.

Respectfully submitted,
HOWARD JOHNSON
HARRISON WADSWORTH

ARNOULD STAUFFER

THOMAS McGOVERN

FRANK CHAON

LEWIS HACKMAN

FRANK G. KNAUER

D. E. RAYMOND

A. C. DOLLMAYER

CLYDE PHILLIPS

JOE WALTER

JOSEPH AUCHSTETTER

G. N. PAIGE

J. H. WAGNER

H. E. McCLEARY

W. A. PRATT

H. R. ACKLAND

MARTIN LENOX

W. F. DEGNER

MORRIS COOK

JOHN R. CRAWFORD

JOSEPH P. SCANLON

The official bond of Fred G. Dimick, county clerk elect, being read to the Board by the clerk and it appearing to the Board that said bond is in due form and that the sureties thereon are ample and sufficient,

Thereupon, on motion of Supervisor E. J. Mannion, duly seconded by Supervisor Kyle C. Miller, it is ordered by the Board that said bond be accepted and approved and that said bond be entered of record.

The official bond of Llewellyn W. Miller, superintendent of schools elect, being read to the Board by the clerk, and it appearing to the Board that said bond is in due form and that the sureties thereon are ample and sufficient,

Thereupon, upon motion of Supervisor J. A. Miller, duly seconded by Supervisor J. W. Cortright, it is ordered by the board that said bond be accepted and approved and that said bond be entered of record.

The official bond of William C. Thompson, county treasurer elect, being read to the Board by the clerk, and it appearing to the Board that said bond is in due form and that the sureties thereon are ample and sufficient;

Thereupon, upon motion of Supervisor Aschenbrenner, duly seconded by Supervisor Heibenthal, it is ordered by the board that said bond be accepted and approved and that said bond be entered of record.

The official bond of William C. Thompson, supervisor of assessments, being read to the Board by the clerk, and it appearing to the Board that said bond is in due form and that the sureties thereon are ample and sufficient,

Thereupon, on motion of Supervisor Aschenbrenner, duly seconded by Supervisor Heibenthal, it is ordered by the Board that said bond be accepted and approved and that said bond be entered of record.

Upon motion of Supervisor Ewald, duly seconded by Supervisor O'Malley, all bills on file against Lee County are referred to their proper committees.

The following petition was read to the Board by the clerk and upon motion of Supervisor Mannion, duly seconded by Supervisor Sterling, the same is referred to the fees and salary committee:

TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

The undersigned, George Eichenberg, janitor of the Lee county court house, respectfully represents unto your honorable body that since the compensation of the said janitor was fixed by your board the wages of an assistant thereto have greatly increased, and that the increased cost of living makes it necessary that your petitioner be granted an increase of salary as such janitor in the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per month; that he is unable to secure help at the rate prevailing when his compensation as such janitor was heretofore fixed.

The undersigned therefore respectfully asks your honorable body to change the amount of his compensation as such janitor from the amount he now receives to the sum of One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) per month.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. EICHENBERG.

We, the undersigned judges of the circuit court of Lee county, Illinois, do hereby approve of the foregoing petition and endorse the application thereof.

R. S. FARRAND

JAMES S. BAUM

OSCAR E. HEARD

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TO THE HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

The undersigned, turnkey at the Lee county jail, respectfully represents unto your honorable body that he is now compensated for his service

at said jail at the rate of \$30.00 per month; that in view of the cost of living which now prevails, the undersigned feels that the said amount is not sufficient and therefore respectfully asks that your honorable board will make an allowance for such services at the rate of \$50.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted,
JOE MILLER.

Upon motion of Supervisor Bauer, duly seconded by Supervisor Drew, Board adjourned until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, 1918.
On Tuesday, the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1918, at the hour of nine o'clock in the forenoon, the Board of Supervisors met at the court house in Dixon pursuant to adjournment.

Present, same as yesterday, including Supervisor Banks.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and upon motion of Supervisor Bauer same are approved.

Report of W. H. Winn, probation officer, read to the Board by the clerk and on motion of Supervisor Mannion, duly seconded by Supervisor Drew, said report is approved and ordered placed on file.

Dixon, Ill., Dec. 2, 1918.
TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LEE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS:

The undersigned, probation officer of said county, would respectfully report to you as follows:

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Joseph Rhodes; still on probation. John Minnehan; still on probation. Leo Kelly; still on probation. Bartholomew Blackburn; in the navy.

No financial transactions have been had by this office since date of last report.

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The county clerk presents his report to the Board which is in the words and figures following:

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Want Ads

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Brief, per line.....	15

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—3 unfurnished rooms for light housekeeping, with steam at electricity, water and gas furnished, located down town. For information address "H" to this office.

284-tf

FOR RENT—Eight room house, corner Ottawa and Bradshaw Sts., modern improvements, hot water heating. Inquire at 211 Bradshaw E. Fulton. 29510*

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished 7 room house, excellent furnace, entirely modern. Five blocks from center of city. References given and required. One K410. 29913

FOR RENT—Modern sleeping room within two blocks from the court house. 315 E. Second St. Phone 15. 293tf

LOST

ST—Fountain pen, with chain fastened to cap. Contained green ink. Reward if returned to this office. 290tf

ST—Small box containing two keys. Return to O. H. Brown and receive reward. 299-tf*

ST—Gold wish bone brooch set with pearl, between Public Drug Book Co. and Boyd street, North side. Finder please return to Geo. Scott at above store and receive reward. 300-tf

ST—White .63; mixed .61 in. 130 to 1.38

LOCAL PRODUCE QUOTATIONS.

Cash	& Car-	Pay	Sell	ry
ry butter	....	.65	.72	.70
amery butter	....	.75	.75	
oil	....	.27	.32	.32
.....	....	.53	.63	.60
tatoes	....	1.15	1.50	1.50

LIVE POULTRY.

eggs	....	20
st hens	....	16
avy hens	....	20
roosters	....	14
icks, white Pekin	....	17
nia Runner Ducks	....	10
scovy Ducks	....	10
se	....	15
keys	....	24
Tom Turkeys	....	18

DECEMBER MILK PRICE.

December milk price, \$3.76 per hundred pounds, for 3.5 butter fat.

crease or decrease of 4 cents per

cent for milk testing above or below that basis.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Susan M. Case to Ruth F. Clawson

\$1 pe chineq 20; nwq and swq

ABO.

Jerry Nelson to Theo. G. Merten

\$1 pt lot 2 blk 21 West Dixon.

Charles Lett to L. C. R. R. Co. #909

nwgwq 3k Lee Center.

Samuel Hoon to Herbert W. Hoon

#4 lot 1 of sub of lots 1 and 2

18 Parsons add Dixon.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS

OFFICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

State of Illinois

Lee County

Estate of Emma E. McBride, deceased.

Public notice is hereby given that

undersigned, administratrix of

estate of Emma E. McBride, deceased,

will attend at the county

court in Dixon, Illinois, on the 20th

of January, A. D. 1918, next, for

purpose of making a final settle-

ment of said estate, at which time

place I will ask for an order of

junction, and will also ask to be

charged. All persons interested

notified to attend.

Dixon, Illinois, December 30th,

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The Evening Story**THE SHARK**

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"I'll get you yet!" whined Tom Flint known along Honolulu waterfront as "Skin" Flint, and he wrung his injured fingers. Axel Gustafsen, deep sea diver and now indignant employee of Flint's smiled faintly and called down from the wharf's edge to a man to bring up the air hose. Then he turned to Flint with an ugly gleam in his blue eyes.

"I told you when I took this job that I needed the best and costliest gear when I'm working at such depths. You buy the cheapest you can get. It does not stand thirty feet pressure. Luckily it didn't drown me. Now give me the coin for a new, good air hose or—"

"Looky here," said Flint, stilling his wrath, "that's a good hose and—"

Axel's heavy hand wasn't quick enough. But he snatched the long coil of white rubber hose from his helper and flung the thing in Flint's face, knocking him down. Then, without another word he strode away. He came back a moment later to say quietly and grimly, "Sharks like you can't hand me anything. Now you can get some one else to risk his life in your rotten suits."

When Skin Flint figured up the day's work that night he discovered that a saving of \$16.72 on the air hose he supplied Axel Gustafsen would cost him the exact sum of \$2,000 the forfeit he had put up for the fulfillment of his contract with the Island Steamship company for the recovery of certain goods or the sunken steamer Maori. The wreck lay in ninety feet of water and there was no other diver nearer than San Francisco who would undertake such a job at double the price Axel Gustafsen had contracted for.

Within the weedy body of Skin Flint was a weedy soul, filled with small and noxious growths. And the soil was ripe for another. In his last words the diver had unconsciously sown the seed.

Three weeks did Flint brew over the wrong Gustafsen had done him. True, the hose had parted; but all hose is liable to accidents. It had cost money too. And in his miserable heart he suspected that the diver had exaggerated the depth at which the Maori lay. That would be merely business. Then why didn't Axel do business in a business fashion? Flint still gnawed his aching fingers and slowly there grew into his mind a thought.

Then he went upon the train to Pearl Harbor and hired a sampan to take him outside. There, rocking on the easy swells, Skin Flint did some strange fishing while the Japanese crew drowsed under the dirty awning. They were somewhat surprised to see that their employer had buoyed his heavy fish line and that the wooden mark was floating as if there were a heavy weight on the other end.

The next day Skin Flint hired the same sampan and returned to where the bouy still rose and fell. Once more he fished, this time with a five pound pieve of raw pork. He caught a twelve foot shark and ordered the men to row back into the harbor, where he gave them the big fish for nothing. He returned to Honolulu with his head drawn down between his peaked shoulders and a smile on his pale lips.

"Working on a contract up this way?" asked the train conductor carelessly.

"Yes said Flint his smile changing into a grin.

The next day he sought Axel Gustafsen and opened the conversation by saying promptly: "Gustafsen, I have a job for you to furnish your own suit and gear, which I'll pay for."

"What's the job?"

"I was doing some survey work outside Pearl Harbor." the contractor replied. "Lost a thousand dollar case of instruments with all my notes and figures. I've set a bouy about where I think it went down. About forty feet of water there."

"I suppose you want the case brought up before the water spoils everything?"

"Tomorrow?"

Flint's eyes shone. "Good! And I hope you won't bear hard feelings."

"That depends whether you pay me five hundred for the job or not," was the indifferent reply.

"That'll include your gear?"

Gustafsen rose and stretched his big arms. "I have my own, now," he said carelessly. "My own boat and my own men. Start at 6 o'clock in the morning."

"Sure I'll take the train and go out in a small boat and point the place out," Flint responded. "I'll be much obliged."

"All right I'll bring the case down here and you hand me a check for five hundred and I'll hand over your property."

For the third time the sampan carrying Flint, crept out through the shining reaches of Pearl Harbor and toward the spot where the little bouy bobbed on the waves. The contractor could see the diving boat slowly coming in under the impulse of her sweeps. There was no wind. Skin Flint nodded to the Japanese to let the boat lie, and he peered over the side into the lucid depths. Far below he could barely see the white glimmer of

the bottom. He strained his eyes, and his lips were compressed to bloodless ness as he searched the water. Last of all he quietly allowed to drop over the boat's gunwale heavy sack filled with raw meat. He followed its course downward. His eyes gleamed, for shadows gathered about it and there was a glint of another gray whiteness than that of the coral bottom and the shadows thickened and moved and little swirls of water turned on the oily surface. Then the shadows vanished. The sack was gone. A torn speck of canvas flitted upward and finally floated at the top. Flint picked it up and the smile on his lips widened. Then he lay back and waited for the diving boat to come up.

When it was within hailing distance Flint rose and shouted, pointing to the wooden bouy that rose and fell with an almost imperceptible motion a hundred feet away.

"That's your bouy is it?" asked Axel.

"Yes, it was about there," was the reply.

The diver glanced indifferently over at it and nodded to one of his Japanese helpers, who promptly picked up a hand lead and proceeded to sound the depth of the water while Gustafsen kicked off his shoes and prepared to get into his suit.

"What kind of a looking affair is it?" he demanded when he was ready for the big helmet.

Flint leaned eagerly over the side of his sampan. "It was about five feet long and a foot square," he said in a shaking voice. "It is brass cored."

Axel turned to the man with the sounding lead.

"Seventeen fathoms sah."

"Well I'll just work around and find it the diver returned."

A moment later Axel had let himself down off the ladder and was gone in a swirl of foam, while two men worked the air pump and the other held air hose and life line. As he descended the contractor caught the flash of his big knife tied to one wrist and his lid narrowed over his eyes. Then he worked with incredible swiftness over a thin linen sack that lay at his feet. Into it he dropped a heavy iron weight and then set in it an open gallon can filled with red fluid—fresh beef's blood. As he worked he glanced at his men to see if they observed him. They gave no sign. When he had finished he held the open mouth of the sack in one clenched hand and directed his men to pull towards the bouy.

A couple of sweeps of the paddles thrust his small craft almost to it. His crew stopped its progress fifty feet from the diving boat, then Flint slowly leaned over the gunwale and peered down.

There was a white glimmer of the bottom and a circular shadow moving toward him. The diver was at work. The glint of his ready knife flickered now and then. And as Flint stared down he seemed to see other shadows at some distance. At last the divers shadow was directly under his eyes. He drew a quick breath and with a soft, stealthy heave of his lean arm he lifted the linen sack over and let it slip into the water. It descended swiftly and a little crimson black thread marked its passage.

He saw the sack strike the shadow that was Axel Gustafsen and instantly there was a flicker of the knife. Flint leaned farther out. Other shadows were gathering. Then a dark cloud enveloped the shadow that was the diver and as in from a great distance Skin Flint heard a shout from the other boat and a rapid order. But he had no eyes for anything but the shadows below him. He saw the whole mass slowly rise, but the black cloud enveloped it and he laughed.

"Blood!" he muttered. "He cannot see to strike with his knife."

The men on the diving boat yelled, and he heard the creak of the life line in the hoisting sheave. But the shadow was now a cloud of storm. Foam was rising from it and streams of darkness that made the contractor wring his fingers and say over and over again, "Blood! Blood!"

Then a great gray body leaped in the water, followed by other gray bodies, and now the madman's lips muttered "Shark! Shark! You called me a shark! The shark got you!"

And he leaned still farther over wringing his hands on his silk handkerchief while the men in both boats beat on the surface of the foaming water with their oars and yelled terribly.

Then a long gray pillar rose from the cloud and Flint saw the great mouth of a shark as it flung itself up. Its prow like nose was aimed directly for him. "Shark!" he muttered dazedly. And in his enormous passion he dipped exultant hand into the water.

The leaping body seized his arms and with one sweep of its powerful tail dragged him out of the boat, downwards.

And the men on the two boats that floated on the stained water stared into the crimson black depths stolidly, while the little wooden bouy leaped on the swirls. Presently a silk handkerchief appeared. It swung gently up and down as a light breeze rippled the surface. As if at a signal, the two crews set themselves to their sweeps and rowed slowly away.

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A house was nearly burned down in New York recently because some one had left a magnifying glass leaning against a wicker sewing basket. The glass caught the rays of the noon sun and focused them on inflammable material.

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SCOUTS UNDERSTAND BOYS.

A while ago a scout in an eastern city got into mischief of some sort or other and was being rather severely handled. Chief Scout Executive West found time to take a personal interest in the case. That he was successful is shown by what the scout's father says:

"If there ever was a concrete illustration of the good that can be done a boy through an understanding of boy nature this is such a one. Your consideration and encouragement at a time when everyone seemed bent on destroying his future because of a boyish prank have had wonderful results. He came back from the school imbued with those ideas that lead to good citizenship, filled with a desire to advance and exceedingly grateful to you for moral support in the hour of need."

"Well, dad, when I had my little trouble up home everybody seemed bent on kicking me down, and I wondered whether I had better run away or jump in the river. Then you and Mr. West stood by me, and when I got to the school I began to think it over. I made up my mind that I would make good to the men who stood by me. After talking with many boys I found that I was about the only one, who ever got any kind of encouragement from anybody and concluded that I was a lucky chap. Now I feel that I owe it to you and Mr. West to make good, and I will."

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